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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION VISITING YUGOSLAVIA

1. TANJUG NEWS AGENCY REPORTED 26 FEBRUARY THAT ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BELGRADE 25 FEB ON OFFICIAL VISIT. DELEGATION IS HEADED BY CAPTAIN HABTE AND LIEUTENANT BOKETO KASA, AND INCLUDES THREE CABINET MEMBERS AND DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER WORKU.

2. DELEGATION MET WITH PRESIDENCY MEMBER CVIJETIN MIJATOVIC FEB 26, AGRICULTURE MINISTER KISTRAC AND FINANCE MINISTER CEMOVIC FEB 27, AND DEFENSE MINISTER LJUBICIC MARCH 1. DELEGATION HAS ALSO SEEN ARMAMENTS EXHIBIT AT NIKINCI.

3. YUGOSLAVS HAVE STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS "QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION", THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, AND "THE VARIOUS TYPES OF HELP YUGOSLAVIA CAN GIVE TO ETHIOPIA" (TANJUB, FEB 26).

4. ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TOLD DCM THAT DELEGATION EXPECTED TO STAY 8 DAYS AND NOT TRAVEL OUTSIDE BELGRADE EXCEPT FOR BRIEF ONE-DAY SIDE-TRIPS. HE DENIED THAT DELEGATION WAS HERE IN ORDER TO SEEK INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV MODEL FOR ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM. IN COMMENTING ON OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN REBELS,

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HE INDICATED EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAD TOLD HIM EGYPT

SUPPORTS ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT; SYRIA, ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN,  
REPRESENTS MAIN PROBLEM IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO REBELS.

5. COMMENT: YUGOSLAV-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS ARE IN RATHER TICKLISH  
STAGE DUE TO ERITREAN REVOLT. YUGOSLAVS STILL VIEW ETHIOPIA AS  
NONALIGNED FRIEND AND HAVE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED THAT "THE CHANGES  
WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN ETHIOPIA ARE EXCLUSIVELY A MATTER FOR THE  
ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE....MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT ETHIOPIA REMAIN FREE,  
NONALIGNED, AND INDEPENDENT, AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST" (TANJUG  
FEB 23). BUT AID TO ETHIOPIA (PARTICULARLY MILITARY), WOULD GO  
DIRECTLY COUNTER TO WISHES OF YUGOSLAVIA'S ARAB FRIENDS, AND  
MIGHT COMPLICATE YUGOSLAV POSITION IN THE NONALIGNED BLOC.  
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